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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM TRIP TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

REF: USUN 5741

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ ACCOMPANIED BY MEZVINSKI AND EWING MET  
WITH UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART AND UN OFFICIAL  
GEORGE SHERRY IN NEW YORK DECEMBER 20. NIMETZ INFORMED  
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SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN GENERAL TERMS OF US VIEW OF RECENT  
CYPRUS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AND OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT CYPRUS  
NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS AND SUGGESTED SEVERAL IDEAS WHICH  
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM MIGHT WISH TO EXPLORE ON VISITS  
NEXT MONTH TO ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA.

2. URQUHART, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY WALDHEIM, MADE CLEAR THAT

TEHRAN STOP WAS PRIMARY FOCUS OF JANUARY TRIP AND THAT WALDHEIM DID NOT AT THIS POINT HAVE CLEAR CONCEPT OF WHAT HE COULD LIKELY ACCOMPLISH IN ANKARA, NICOSIA, AND ATHENS. UN EXPECTATIONS WERE NOT VERY HIGH; PROBLEMS IN MOVING AHEAD ON CYPRUS PROBLEM WERE VERY REAL. URQUHART GAVE IMPRESSION THAT SHOULD POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY BE UNSETTLED IN MID-JANUARY, WALDHEIM MIGHT DECIDE TO POSTPONE VISIT TO ANKARA AND PROBABLY NICOSIA AND ATHENS AS WELL.

3. NIMETZ SAID THAT US BELIEVED GOT GENUINELY WANTED TO GET CYPRUS PROBLEM ON WAY TO SOLUTION. HE NOTED RECENT STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER ON IMPORTANCE OF REACHING PACKAGE SETTLEMENT AS WELL AS IDEAS FOR EXPANDING NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO INCLUDE GREECE AND TURKEY IN SOME FASHION. NIMETZ SAID WE HAD IMPRESSION TURKISH SIDE WAS PREPARED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION AND TO DISCUSS TERRITORY AT SOME POINT. NIMETZ SUGGESTED THAT WALDHEIM PRESS THE TURKS IN ANKARA AS TO WHETHER THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE READY TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS, PRESENT NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AND AT LEAST COMMENT ON APRIL GREEK CYPRIOT MAP OR OTHERWISE UNDERTAKE TO DISCUSS TERRITORY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED WALDHEIM MIGHT EXPLORE WITH TURKS HOW IN THEIR VIEW GOT AND GOG MIGHT BECOME MORE INVOLVED. COULD FOR EXAMPLE GOT AND GOG ASSIGN ADVISERS TO SYG WHO WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN INTERCOMMUNAL PLENARY SESSIONS BUT COULD PARTICIPATE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY UN. URQUHART SAID HE THOUGHT INVOLVING TURKS AND GREEKS, PERHAPS AS SUGGESTED BY NIMETZ, MIGHT BE WORTH CONSIDERING AND INDICATED THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT ASK IN ATHENS WHY GREATER GREEK ENGAGEMENT IN CYPRUS TALKS WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. IN RESPONSE URQUHART QUESTION, NIMETZ SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR CLIFFORD TO VISIT AREA AGAIN AT THIS TIME.

5. URQUHART SAID UN FELT THAT A MEETING BETWEEN DENKTASH AND KYPRIANOU MIGHT SERVE USEFUL PURPOSES, ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY WAS DUBIOUS ABOUT WHAT WOULD COME OF IT. IN ANY EVENT, URQUHART THOUGHT THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FEBRUARY 5 CYPRUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. HE THUS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT UN WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE GREEK CYPRIOT-TURKISH CYPRIOT MEETING FOR WALDHEIM TO ATTEND WHILE HE IS IN NICOSIA. URQUHART CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM DOES NOT WANT TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER INTERCOMMUNAL ROUND UNTIL CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD SUCCEED AND THAT BOTH SIDES WERE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS AND SUSTAINED TALKS. NIMETZ EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PARTIES (PARTICULARLY TURKS) WOULD TRY TO CONVINCE WALDHEIM

THEY WERE READY TO GO FORWARD.

6. UN OFFICIALS NOTED THAT DEC. 15 SECURITY COUNCIL RENEWAL OF UNFICYP MANDATE HAD BEEN HANDLED WITHOUT MAJOR DIFFICULTY, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TURKS OR OTHERS MIGHT SEEK NEXT YEAR TO REVISE PRESENT MANDATE IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON ISLAND INTER ALIA BY MAKING IMPOSSIBLE FARMING UNDER UN ESCORT IN AREA BETWEEN THE LINES AND BY IN EFFECT ACCEPTING PRESENT SEPARATION OF ISLAND.

7. URQUHART SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED AND IMPRESSED BY US EFFORT TO HELP GET CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. IN RESPONSE MEZVINSKI QUESTION, URQUHART  
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SAID HE HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BEFORE WALDHEIM GETS TO CYPRUS WHICH HE COULD PRAISE AS REPRESENTING POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. BUT UN SECRETARIAT DID NOT WANT TO GET FURTHER INVOLVED IN MISSING PERSONS MATTER.

8. UN OFFICIALS SAID THAT DISCUSSION WITH NIMETZ HAD BEEN HELPFUL AND THEY WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NIMETZ' IDEAS AS THEY MADE FINAL PLANS FOR WALDHEIM TRIP, BUT THEY WERE CLEARLY SKEPTICAL THAT EARLY MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD BE ACHIEVED. VANCE

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